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SUBJECT: IAEA: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1977-1984 AND BUDGET
FOR 1979

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1. DEPT APPRECIATES AND IS LARGELY IN AGREEMENT WITH
MISSION'S ANALYSIS OF SUBJECT PROGRAM AND BUDGET. IT IS
OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO US NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES

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TO PROTECT THE PROPOSED SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM FROM SIGNIFICANT
REDUCTIONS. MISSION SHOULD ARGUE STRONGLY FOR FULL AMOUNT
REQUESTED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL UNLESS COURSE OF COMMITTEE'S
DISCUSSION REVEALS MODEST SAVINGS WHICH MISSION AND
DIRECTOR GENERAL AGREE CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO
SAFEGUARDS DEVELOPMENTS AND OPERATIONS.

2. AS SECOND PRIORITY, MISSION SHOULD ALSO URGE FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR AGENCY'S SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTIVITIES. WE AGREE WITH MISSION'S COMMENTS ON PROGRAMS IN LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES. HOWEVER, MISSION SHOULD BE ALERT TO MARGINAL PROGRAMS WHICH COULD BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED AND TO SUGGESTIONS FROM OTHER

MISSIONS REGARDING THEIR VIEWS ON MARGINAL ACTIVITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE US WOULD SUPPORT A REDUCTION IN THE STAFF AND PROGRAM DEVOTED TO PNE'S OR EVEN ELIMINATION OF THIS PROGRAM ALTOGETHER. WE REALIZE THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY FROM THE US, MIGHT BE STRONGLY RESISTED BY CERTAIN DELEGATIONS AT THIS STAGE, AND MISSION SHOULD NOT TAKE A STRONG LEAD ON THIS ISSUE UNLESS IN ITS JUDGMENT THIS DANGER CAN BE MINIMIZED. THERE MAY BE OTHER MARGINAL PROGRAMS WHICH COULD BE REDUCED OR PHASED OUT BRINGING MODEST SAVINGS OR REPROGRAMMING WITHIN THE SAME DIVISION.

3. IN SUMMARY, MISSION AUTHORIZED AS REQUESTED PARA 14 REFTEL TO MAKE STATEMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTING PROPOSED BUDGET AND IN PARTICULAR INCREASES FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, SAFEGUARDS AND ADMINISTRATION AT MAY 4TH A AND B COMMITTEE MEETING. DETAILED COMMENTS ON PROGRAM WHICH DO NOT AFFECT OVERALL POSITION AUTHORIZED ABOVE WILL BE CABLED SEPARATELY. VANCE

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